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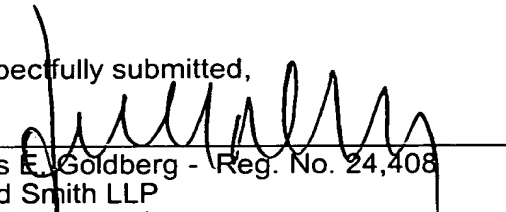
AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

As a result of the foregoing amendment, submitted herewith is a corrected drawing of Fig.2 in which the number "27" has been deleted.

We are awaiting the certified translation of the priority document.

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